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Dedicated to the Unknown Victims of The Minn. Sioux Indian Massacre in 1862
and The Great Minnesota Blizzard 1873

"As in all wars, most of those who died were so young they never had a chance to live. The great event in their lives was death. Why should we forget them?" - By author

"He who dares to die, who lays his life on the Altar of his nation's need, is beyond doubt the noblest development of mankind. In this he comes closest to the image of his Creator who died on the cross that the human Soul might live.

"I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. And I am sure a merciful God has taken them unto Himself." - From address by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Made Jan. 26, 1955, at the dedication of a monument to him in Los Angeles, California.

"He stands in that unbroken line of Patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow, and increase its blessings- Freedom lives, and through it, he lives in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men". Official U. S. Defense Department announcement of a death in the military Service of his country during the recent Korean War.

"People will not look forward to posterity who do not look backward to their ancestors." - Edmund Burk.

"Perpetuating the memories of our heroic past gives Courage to the present and kindles enthusiasm for the future." - From Roster of Soldiers of War of 1812 buried in Missouri with Proceedings of 33rd Annual Council of United States Daughters of 1812.

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Those who fall in battle are often "nameless". On the battlefield names are less important than numbers. It is different in homes and families. Even the war dead must be recorded and reported by name. Otherwise they could not be placed in the families and communities from which they came, and who will grieve their passing.

The author has performed a service of love in making a thorough study of those who died during the Minnesota Sioux Massacre of 1862 and during the Great Biggards In January 1873 and compiling a complete and authentic list of their names. He has already done a similar service for those who fell in the War of 1812 in his "Known Military Dead During The War of 1812", and those who fell in the Mexican War in his "Known Military Dead During The Mexican War 1846-48", and those who fell in the Spanish American War and the Philippines Insurrection in his "Known Military Dead During The Spanish American War and The Philippines Insurrection 1898-1901".

A review of the "Acknowledgements" will give sound indication of the amount of research which has been involved in preparing this list of names. On such thorough and detailed investigation does our assured knowledge of the past rest. The "Introduction" further documents the thoroughness of this investigation.

We are indebted to the Author for a growing list of significant specialized studies which have made historical data accessible for the more general student of history. The thoroughness of the research make these studies completely reliable and extremely useful.

Edgar M. Carlson
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
Senate

The contents of this book are most timely. We are now commemorating Minnesota's one hundred years of statehood. Its glorious history, progress and unmatched achievements are fresh in our minds. As we note the forward march since 1858, we are reminded of the pioneer struggles, hardships and disasters. This book deals with two of them: the Indian Massacre of 1862, and the Great Blizzard of 1873. In each many gave their lives, and in each a struggle for survival took place. To a determined people, however, these events were not insurmountable. The spirit of the pioneer could not be dampened even by major tragedies. His great role was to conquer the wilderness and to advance civilization.

It is extremely important that events of this kind be recorded for posterity, lest we forget that the sacrifices made in prior years are the basis for the rich heritage we enjoy today. Mr. Peterson's painstaking efforts to bring this part of Minnesota History into focus deserves much commendation.

Harry L. Wahlstrand

INTRODUCTION

This is a list of all known military and civilian victims of the Sioux Massacre in Minnesota in August and September 1862 plus some later deaths until 1865 resulting from driving the remaining Sioux into Dakota by the U. S. Army. There is no record of any similar list ever having been made although it might have been prepared publicly or privately, and then lost. A list of the civilian victims was prepared by Marion P. Satterlee through extensive interviewing, is given in his book "Outbreak and Massacre By The Dakota Indians In Minnesota In 1862-65" and published by the author October 1923 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Satterlee has previously published, "Authentic List of the Victims of The Indian Massacre and War 1862-65," Minneapolis, 1919, and "Massacre At The Redwood Indian Agency".

Charles S. Bryant names most of the Civilian victims known at that time in his publication "History of The Sioux Massacre" consolidated in one volume with Rev. Edward D. Neill's "History of The Minnesota Valley", North Star Publishing Co., Minneapolis, 1882.

William Watts Folwell in his "A History of Minnesota" Vol. II Page 391 gives the number of killed and wounded in the Sioux outbreak. No census was ever taken. Town Assessors and County Auditors were requested to aid and complied. The Indian (White) agents contributed valuable statistics.

A very valuable aid in preparing the material in this publication was Minnesota In The Civil and Indian Wars 1861-65" By the Board of Commissioners, Published by Pioneer Press Co. 1890 Minneapolis, Minn. Volume I lists the Citizens Soldiers Killed.

The records of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th Minnesota Infantry for Aug. & Sept. 1862 and later list the Military dead in the Sioux Massacre and these have been consulted.

The Civilian victims of the Massacre have been listed by families as far as possible, giving the date and place killed and giving also the rank for the Military. So many of them died so young. They never had a chance to live. Why should we forget them? They gave their lives for us so that we may live and enjoy the freedom and fortunes now and in the future. They deserve to be commemorated in a State Centennial Memorial 1858-1958.

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Bishop Ferry Benjamin Whipple, the Episcopal Missionary Bishop of Minnesota was a true friend of the American Indian if there ever was one. While in Washington attending to duties General Halleck went with him to President Lincoln to whom he gave an account of the Sioux Massacre, its causes, and the bitter sufferings and injustices which resulted therefrom. President Lincoln was profoundly moved. After listening with deep sympathy to Bishop Whipple's story President Lincoln replied in part: "It needs more than one honest man to watch one Indian agent". Shortly thereafter the President said to an old friend: "When you see Lute, ask him if he knows Bishop Whipple. He came here the other day and talked with me about the rascality of this Indian business until I felt it down to my boots. If we get through this war, and I live, this Indian system shall be reformed!"

President Lincoln gave the Bishop a card to the Secretary of the Interior saying, "Give Bishop Whipple any information he desires about Indian affairs". In his search of the Indian office records he uncovered most astonishing information. He prepared a paper which his Church Convention presented to President Lincoln which said in part: "It is believed that the history of our dealings with the Indians has been marked by gross acts of injustice and robbery, such as could not be prevented under the present system of management, and that these wrongs have often proved the prolific cause of wars and bloodshed. It is due to that helpless red men that these evils shall be redressed, and without this we cannot hope for the blessing of Almighty God in our efforts to secure permanent peace and tranquility on our Western border."

Bishop Whipple in his "Lights and Shadows Of A Long Episcopate" being Reminiscences and Recollections in the form of an autobiography, gives two letters he addressed to President Lincoln in behalf of the Indians favoring justice for the redmen. The first is dated March 6, 1862 and the second on July 31 of that year. The same spirit permeates and prevails in both. Here are a few quotes from the first: "I believe that the intentions of the Government have always been kind; but they have been thwarted by dishonest servants, ill-conceived plans, and defective instructions." "From the day of the treaty a rapid deterioration takes place." "The Indian agents who are placed in trust of the honor and faith of the Government are generally selected without any reference to their fitness for the place." "They are often men without any fitness, sometimes a disgrace to a Christian nation; whiskey-sellers, bar-room loungers, debauchers, selected to guide our heathen people. Then follow all the evils of bad example, of inefficiency, and of dishonesty, - the school a sham, the supplies wasted, the improvement fund squandered by negligence or curtailed by fraudulent contracts. The Indian, bewildered, conscious of wrong, but helpless, has no refuge but to sink into a depth of brutishness. There have been noble instances of men who have tried to do their duty, but they have generally been powerless for lack of hearty cooperation by others, or because no man could withstand the corruption which has pervaded every department of Indian Affairs." "When I came to Minnesota I was startled at the degradation at my door".

Dr. William Watts Folwell, President Emeritus of both the University of Minnesota and the Minnesota Historical Society in his "A History of Minnesota," Vol II Chap VIII gives the causes of the Sioux Massacre. Among these were: "The Acton Murders; Delay of promised Treaty payments; Influence of the Civil War "Copperheads"; Denial by traders of credit to the Indians; Betrayed of Little Crow by the Indian agent; Deductions from Annuities for depredations by the upper Sioux; Concentration of Indians a source of danger; the Government's

failure to capture Inkpaduta and his band for the outrageous and hideous massacre at Spirit Lake, Iowa about five years before the Minnesota Massacre. Resentment of the Indians over Treaties. Civilization Experiments of Agents Galbraith and Brown."

A complete account based on available information about the Sioux Outbreak in 1862 would fill many books. Only the briefest outline of this Massacre can be given herein.

Early on August 18, 1862 many Dakota braves with war paint and arms unexpectedly appeared at the lower Sioux Agency at the small village on the Minnesota river six miles below the mouth of the Redwood river. James W. Lynd, former state senator, was the first victim of the murderous Indian assault. The outbreak reached thirty seven of the counties then organized; from the Iowa border north along the Dakota border to some miles above Breckenridge and from Faribault north to Mille Lacs and Crow Wing. Detailed accounts have been given in their books by William Watts Folwell, Marion P. Satterlee, Edward D. Neill, Charles S. Bryant, and Bishop Henry Benjamin Whipple, Warner and Foote

Elsewhere in this publication is given a Chronology of the Sioux Massacre. Here can be listed only some of the most important successive events in the order of their occurrence.

Some of these are: the Acton Murder; beginning the massacre; the Lower Agency Massacre; murder of George Gleason; the Capture of Mrs. Wakefield and children; Mary Schwandt, Mary Anderson, and Mattie Williams; massacre on the north side of the Minnesota river; burning of Mrs. Henderson and two children; escapes of J. W. Earle and others; murder of Schwandt family; massacre at upper agency; warning of settlers by Indian Otho Day and Joseph Laframbois; fleeing of whites from yellow medicine; settlement on the Chippewa river; murder of James W. Lindsay and his comrade; white settlers killed at Big Stone Lake and Lake Snetek; escape of Mrs. Alomina Hurd with her children; fiendish plundering and burning of the Spirit Lake Country scene of the 1857 massacre; warfare in Jackson County and Dakota territory; murders at Sioux Falls; killing of Amos Huggins; Indian attack on New Ulm and its evacuation; Judge Flandrou's military aid to the besieged city; battle at lower agency ferry; siege of Fort Ridgely; attack on Forest City; Indians attack near Acton and Hutchinson; hostilities in the valley of the Red River of the north; Indians attack Fort Abercrombie defended by Captains Freeman and Davis; Sioux Raid in Watonwan County; Colonel Sibley marched from St. Peter to defend New Ulm; battle of Birch Coolie; battle of Wood Lake; Colonel Sibley was promoted to General and waged a successful campaign against the Indians.

The people of Minnesota made an urgent appeal to President Lincoln to punish the Indians. They sent him a list of some three hundred Indians condemned as murderers. But he reduced the number to thirty-eight and these were hung December 17, 1862 at Mankato.

The following year Little Crow, the Indian leader of the Sioux Massacre met his death on Friday evening, July 3, 1863. Mr. Nathan Lampson and his son Chauncey while journeying along some six miles north of Hutchinson noticed two Indians in a woodland opening picking and eating berries. Without any knowledge of their identity they fired and killed the older Indian while the younger escaped. He was captured twenty six days later and proved to be Wowinapa the son of Little Crow who revealed to the authorities that, the Indian who was killed by Nathan Lampson and his son Chauncey, was his father Little Crow.

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Adams, Infant		Killed 8-20-62	Hutchinson, McLeod Co.
Agrenatz, Children		" 8-18-62	
Aherin, Matthew	Pvt. LeSueur Tigers	" 8-26-62	New Ulm
Amidon, Joseph B & Son		" 8-18-62	
Anderson, Mary		" 8-24-62	Fort Ridgely
Applebaum, Christopher		" 8-18-62	St Peter
Applebaum, John		" 8-18-62	St Peter
Armstrong, John		" 9-9-62	Cambria, Blue Earth Co
Austin, Andrew		" 9- 62	Fort Abercrombie
Axe, Johannes		" 8-25-62	Belmont Twp
B			
Backlund, Sven H		" 8-21-62	Near Atwater
Bahlke, Andrew		" 8-17-62	Birch Coulee
Baker, Mrs.		" 8-18-62	
Baker, Howard		" 8-19-62	Acton
Baker, Robert	Renville Rangers	" 8-18-62	Fort Ridgeley
Barthe, G. W. Otto	Pvt.	Died of Wounds 8-23-26	New Ulm
Battins, Charles		Killed 9 -62	Fort Abercrombie
Baxter, Robert 2nd	Sgt. St Peter Guards	" 9- 2-62	Birch Coulee
Bell, Charles R	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	" 8-18-62	Redwood
Belland, Joseph		" 8-18-62	Redwood
Belzer		" 8-19-62	New Ulm
Benneker, Ferd C.W.	Cpl. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	" 9- 2-62	Birch Coulee
Bennett, James	Cpl.	" 9-23-62	Ft. Abercrombie Breckenridge
Besse, Joseph S	Cpl. 5 Minn. Inf.	" 8-18-62	Redwood
Blair, Charles		Died Spring of 1862	Henderson
Bluem, Mr. & Mrs. & Children:			
Margaret, Elizabeth, Charles & Adam		Killed 8-18-62	Leavenworth Twp.
Boelter, Emilia of Michaels Family			
Boelter, Gottlieb, Mr. & Mrs. & Son John		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Boelter, John (Family)		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Boelter, Michael "		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Bosche, Henry		Killed 1863	New Ulm
Broberg, Ander (Family)		Killed 1862	Monson Lake
Broberg, Andreas,			
Son of Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Broberg		Killed 8-20-62	
Broberg, Mr. & Mrs. Andreas (Family) wife			
Christina, sons Johannes & Andreas, &			
Daughter Christina		Killed 8-20-62	Monson Lake
Broberg, Daniel Peter (Family)			
Wife Anna Stina & Sons Alfred & John Albert		Killed 8-20-62	Monson Lake
Broberg, John -Son of Andreas Broberg		Killed 8-20-62	Monson Lake
Brook, Thomas		Killed 8-18-62	Birds Coulee
Brown (Family) Joseph & Daughter			
Aratia & Son Jonathan F		Killed 8-18-62	Leavenworth Twp
Brosseau, Joseph		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Buehro, John		Killed 8-18-62	

Buggert, Louis	Capt. 5 Minn. Inf.	Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Buggert, Otto		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Busse, Gottfried (Family)			
His Wife, Bertha and Caroline		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek

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Cant, A. S.		Killed 9-23-62	Lake Addie
Cartwell, Matthew	Pvt. Co. I 2 Minn	Died 9-23-62	Wood Lake
Carlson, Carl J.		Killed 8-21-62	Eagle Lake
Carroll, Wm. B.		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Carrothers, Children			
Willie & Johnnie		Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek
Castor, Jacob	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Charleson, Charles John		Killed 8-20-62	Kandiyohi Co.
Clausen, Charles		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Clausen, Frederick		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Cobb, Wm. M.	Cpl. Co. A 6 Minn. Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Cole, Edwin F.	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
College, John	Sgt. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Collins, A. C.	Pvt. Co. A 3 Minn. Inf	Killed 9-23-62	Wood Lake
Colter, George	Pvt. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Constans, Louis		Killed 8-19-62	Upper Agency Yellow Medicine
Coyle, Cornelius F.	Pvt. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Cross, Daniel		Killed 8-27-62	Lake Ripley

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Davies, LeGrande		Killed 8-20-62	Fort Ridgely
Davis, Thos. J.		Killed 9-9-62	Cambria, Blue Earth Co.
DeCamp, J. W.		Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Deck, Phillip		Killed 8-27-62	Mannarah Twp
DeWitt, Lemon		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Dickinson, J. C.		Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Dickinson, Lothrop		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Diederich, A.		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Divoll, Geo. W.		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Dodd, William B.	1st. Lieut.	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Drexler, Benedict		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Dubuque, Alexis		Killed 8-21-62	Yellow Medicine Big Stone Lake
Duley, Wm. -Children			
Willie & Belle		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek
Dustin, Family -			
Amos, Mother Jeanette, Son Robert		Killed 6-29-63	Smith Lake

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Earle, Radnor		Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek Lake
Eastlick, Family			
John & Sons Fred, Giles & Frank		Killed 8-20-62	Shetek
Edwards, A. M.	1st Lieut. LeSueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Edwards, A. W.		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Edwards, James		Killed 9-9-62	Cambria, Blue Earth

Eggenhofer, Therese			Milford
Eisenreich, Balthasar		Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek
Ellingson, Gabriel		-62	Watonswan Co
Endreson, Endre		Killed 8-21-62	Eagle Lake
Endreson, Lars		Killed 8-21-62	Eagle Lake
England, William	Pvt. LeSueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Evans, Edward D		Killed 9- 62	Fort Abercrombie
Everett, Wm. - Family			
Wife, son Charles & Infant Son		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek

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Fehrenback, Martin		9- -62	Fort Abercrombie
Fenske, Julius		Killed 8-19-62	Milford
Findley, Russell H	1st Sgt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-19-62	Redwood
Fink, Family			
Father John Martin, Mother Monica & Son Max		Killed 8-19-62	Middle Creek
Fink, Max		Killed 8-18-62	
Fohre, Ole		Killed 8-25-62	Belmont
Foot, Silas		Killed 5-3-63	Ottertail Co.
Frace		Killed 8-17-62	
Frass, August - Family			
Father & Son John		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Frass, John		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Freeman, Jacob	Pvt. St. Peter Guards	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
French, Charles E	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf.	Killed 8-19-62	Redwood
Frink, Charles	Pvt. Co. A 7 Minn Vol Reg	Killed 9-23-62	Wood Lake
Fritz, August		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Fross, Christian		Killed 8-18-62	
Fross, Frederick		Killed 8-18-62	

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Gardner, John	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Garvie, Stewart		Killed 8-19-62	Milford
Gehring, Jacob A	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-19-62	Ft. Ridgely
Gerboth, Frederick		Killed 8-23-62	Near New Ulm
Gibbins, Richard	Anderson's Cavalry	Died 1862	
Gillian (and family)		Killed 8-23-62	Near New Ulm
Gleason, Geo. H.		Killed 8-19-62	Redwood River
Gluth, John		Killed 8-19-62	Milford
Greer, Mark M	Pvt. Co. C 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-20-62	At Ft Ridgely
	First Man	Killed at Fort	
Grundman, Emiel - Family			
Parents & Two Children		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Guilbault, Peter		Killed 8-21-62	Big Stone Lake

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Haack, Max		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Haag, Max		Killed 8-19-62	Milford
Haberle, Jacob		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Hack, Max		Killed 8-18-62	
Haerberle, Jacob	Pvt.	Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Hanley, Mrs. & Children		Killed 8-18-62	
Hartman, Florian		Killed 8-19-62	Near New Ulm
Hauf, Family		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Mrs. Ernest Hauf & Two Children,			
Hauf & Two other Girls his Children			

Haugan, Olof Olson-Family			
Olof & Wife Bergeret & Son Frederick	Killed 8-21-62	Near Atwater	
Hayden, John	Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek	
Hayden, Patrick	Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek	
Henderson	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee	
Henderson, Family	Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek	
Henderson, S. R. Family			
Parents & Infant	Killed 8-18-62		
Henle, Family - Children			
Anton, Mary & Martin	Killed 8-19-62	Near New Ulm	
Henshaw	Killed 8-17-62		
Henryers, Family			
Carl at Milford, Wife Hannah & Sons			
Carl & John at Home Near New Ulm	Killed 8-19-62		
Heydrick, Family			
Wife & 2 Children	Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm	
Holmes, John	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Horning, Aug (Family)	Parents & Two Sons	Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Houghton, Newell E	Pvt. St Peter Guards	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Howard, Mrs Ruth		Killed 8-19-62	Near New Ulm
Howe, Linus		Killed 8-27-62	Mannanah
Huggins, Amos W		Killed 8-19-62	Yellow Medicine
Huggins, Rufus	Pvt. St Peter Guards	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Humphrey, Dr. & Mrs.			
Philander P, Two Sons & Daughter		8-18-62	Redwood at Lower Agency
Hunter, Alexander		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Hurd, Phineas B		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek

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Inefeldt, William		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Ingalls, Jedidiah		Killed 8-19-62	Hawk Creek
Ireland, Thos (Family)			
Wife & 2 children		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek
Irvine, Wm.	Sgt. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	Died 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Iverson, Johannes		Killed 8-20-62	Roseville Kandiyohi Co

J

Jackson, Philetus		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Jewett, Andrew J			
He, his Wife, Father & Mother		Killed 5-2-65	Cambrria-Blue Earth Co.
Joerger, Christian	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Ft Ridgely
Johnson, Charles Peter			
& children Johannes, Anders Petter		Killed 8-20-62	Monson Lake
Jonason, Carl P.		Killed 8-20-62	Kandiyohi Co
Jones, John S		Killed 9-9-62	Cambrria, Blue Earth Co.
Jones, Robinson & Wife & Girl		Killed 8-18-62	Acton
Jones, Robt.			Cambrria
Jones, William		Killed 9-20-62	Lake Shetek
Jornevik, Lars & Wife		Killed 8-25-62	Jackson Co.

K

Kaertner, Henry		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Kanzig, Duras	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Keck, Jacob		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Kelly, Patrick		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Kerr, James H	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Kimball, Degrove	3 Minn. Inf.	Died 9-23-62	Battle of Wood Lake
King, Chauncey L	Pvt. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Kirchstein, Julius	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Kitzman, Paul - Family			
Parents, infant Paul, Pauline, Wilhelmina,		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Klene, Joseph	Pvt. Co. A 9 Minn Inf	Died 1862	
Koch, Andrew		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek
Kochendorfer, John-Family			
Parents & Baby Sarah		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Krause, Ferdinand	Pvt.	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Krieger, Frederick & Infant Son		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Kulp, Washington	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Kusda, Wenzel	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood

L

LaBathe, Francois		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Lamb, George		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm, Cottonwood River
Lamb, John		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Lammers, William		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Langelaud-Family			
Knud, Nicolai, John & Wife			
Anna & Two Daughters Anna & Agaata		Killed 8-25-62	Belmont Jackson Co.
Lauer, Charles		Killed 8-19-62	Big Stone Lake
Laundre		Killed 8-21-62	Big Stone Lake
LeBlanc, Antoine		Killed 8-20-62	Near Fort Ridgely
Lemon, DeWitt		Killed 8-19-62	Cottonwood River
Letton, John		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Lindsay, James W		Killed 8-19-62	Big Stone Lake
Lomberg-Three Brothers		Killed 8-18-62	
Loomis, Almond D		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm-Cotton- wood River
Loomis, Uriah		Killed 8-19-62	" "
Lorentson, Andreas		Killed 8-21-62	Atwater
Losky, William	Pvt. LeSueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Loth, George		Killed 8-21-62	Big Stone Lake
Lundborg - Family			
Sons of Andreas Lundborg:			
Johannes, Anders Peter, Gustav & Lars		Killed 8-20-62	Monson Lake
Lusky, William		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Lynd, James W		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood

M

Mack, Chas. C		Killed 9-9-62	Cambria, Blue Earth Co.
Magner, Edward		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Maloney, William	5 Sgt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Manderfeldt, Henry		Killed 8-22-62	Big Stone Lake
Manderfield, Hillias		Killed 8-22-62	Big Stone Lake
Manerle, Jacob		Killed 8-22-62	St Peter
Manley, (Ferryman)		Killed 8-20-62	
Mannweiler, Gottlieb		Killed 8-17-62	Middle Creek
Marsh, John S	Capt. 5 Minn Inf	Died 8-18-62	Fort Ridgely
Martelle, Peter		Killed 8-18-62	Morton
Massipost - Family			
Father Wilson & Two Daughters			
Mary & Julia		Killed 8-18-62	Milford Nr New Ulm
Mayo, H. H.		Killed 9- 62	Fort Abercrombie
McAllister, Henry	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf.	Killed 8-19-62	Redwood
McClellan, Patrick		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
McConnell, David		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
McElroy, Richard H	Pvt. Co. I 2 Minn	Killed 9-23-62	Wood Lake
McGannon, James A		Killed 7-1-62	Lake Sylvia
Merkle, Martin		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Messmer, Anton M - Family			
Parents & Son Joseph		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Mey, Sebastian - Family			
Parents, Son Henry & Infant		Killed 8-19-62	Milford
Meyer, Mrs. & Children		Killed 8-17-62	
Meyer, John J.		Killed 8-17-62	Middle Creek
Meyer, John J - Family			
Mother & Three Children		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Meyer, Matthias	Pvt. LeSueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Michaels, John C	Pvt. LeSueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Midstadt, Knut & Wife		Killed 8-25-62	Belmont
Millier, Hubert		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Mohr, Jonas		Killed 9-9-62	Cambria
Myrick, And. J.		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood

N

Nelson, Anna Marie & Catherine		Killed 8-18-62	
Nelson, Mrs. Charles		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Nelson, Johannes		Killed 8-19-62	Kandiyohi Co
Nicholson, William		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Nicolson, Wm	Pvt. St Peter Guards	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Nierenz, August		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Norton, Wenzel	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood Near Ft. Ridgely

O

O'Conner, David		Killed 8-17-62	
Oleson, Mrs		Killed 8-18-62	
Olson, Nels		Killed 8-27-62	Lake Ridgely
Olson, Nels		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Olson, Nels		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Olson, Ole		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm

Olson, Ole		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Olson, Tork		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Olson, Tory		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm

P

Page, Joseph		Killed 8-27-62	Mannanah
Palmer, Gilbert		Killed 1862 or 1863	Watonwan
Palmer, Ole		Killed "	Watonwan
Parks, John W	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood Near Ft Ridgely
Parks, Moses P	Pvt.	Killed 8-19-62	Ft Ridgely
Paro, Joseph	Pvt Renville Rangers	Killed 9-2-62	Wood Lake
Parsley, John	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Patnode		Killed 8-22-62	Big Stone Lake
Patoille Francois		Killed 8-20-62	Nr Fort Ridgely
Patterson & Child		Killed 1862 or 1863	Watonwan
Paul, Ernest	Renville Rangers	Killed 9-23-62	Wood Lake
Pauly, Emilie		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Pelzl, Jas. & Wife		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Pereau, Peter		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Perkins, A. C.	Pvt. Sank Centre Guards	Died 10-2-62	
Peshette, Frank		Killed 8-22-62	Big Stone Lake
Peterson		Killed 1862 or 1863	Watonwan
Pettijohn, J.	Cpl. Sank Centre Guards	Died 9-29-62	
Philips, Harrison A	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Piquar, Eusebius		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Pitcher, Nathaniel	Pvt. 5 Minn. Inf.	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Prescott, Philander		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood

Q

Quane, Jerry	Pvt. St Peter Guards	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Quinn, Peter	Interpreter	Killed 8-19-62	

R

Radner, Boy		Killed 8-18-62	
Reyff, Eusebius - Family			
Parents, Son Benjamin, Daughter Annie		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Riant, Thos. (Or Ryan)		Killed 8-19-62	New Ulm
Richardson, Eliphalet		Killed 5 -63	Ft Ridgely
Richter, Christian		Killed 8-18-62	Courtland
Rieke, Heinrich		Killed 8-20-62	Fort Ridgely
Riemann, August	Pvt.	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Roepeke, August		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Roesser, Geo & Wife & Family		Killed 8-18-62	Milford Near New Ulm
Roessler, Frederick		Killed 8-17-62	Middle Creek
Roessler, John - Family -			
Parents, Two children		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Rohner, John		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Roland, Christian		Killed 1862 or 1863	Watonwan Co

Rolleau, Henry	Pvt. Co. A 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Root, Noble G		Killed 8-11-64	Cambrria, Blue Earth Co.
Ropke, August	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-26-62	New Ulm
Ross, Edwin E	Pvt. Co. A 3 Minn Inf	Died 9-23-62	Wood Lake
Ruchenell, Augustus		Killed 9- 62	Ft Abercrombie
Russel, Edward		Killed 9- 62	Ft Abercrombie
Russell, Wm	Pvt. Co A 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Ryan, (or Scott)		Killed 9- 62	Ft Abercrombie
Ryder		Killed 8-22-62	Big Stone Lake

S

Samson, Ole & Child		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Sanborn, Caleb		Killed 9-23-62	Lake Addie
Schartz, John		Killed 8-18-62	
Schilling, A & Daughter Louise		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Schmerich, John & Two Frenchmen		Killed 8-21-62	
Schmidt, Wm - Family			
Parents & 3 children one was Minnie		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Schneider, John		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Schulz, William		Killed Sept 62	Ft Abercrombie
Schwandt, Johann - Family			
Parents & Three Children: Frederick Christian & Caroline		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Schwartz, John		Killed 8-18-62	
Schwarz-Family - John & Wife			
Anna Maria & Daughter Katherine		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Seder, Rev Christian (Family)		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Senzke, Leopold	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Shepard, Henry A	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Sieg, John - Parents & 3 Children		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Siegel, William		Killed Sept. 62	Ft Abercrombie
Slaabaken, Mikel O		Killed 8-25-62	Belmont
Smith, Mrs.		Killed 8-18-62	
Smith, Charles W	Pvt.	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Smith, Felix		Killed 8-20-62	Fort Ridgely
Smith, Mrs. H. W.		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek
Smith, Luke	Pvt. St Peter Guards	Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Smith, Thomas		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Snell, Chas. W.		Killed Sept-62	Ft Abercrombie
Snell, Charles Ostler	Pvt.	Killed 9-6-62	Ft Abercrombie
Somers, John		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Sonnenburg, William		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm
Spaude, August - Family			
Parents & 2 Children		Killed 9-4-62	Hutchinson
Steele, Edward D			McLeod Co
Steidle, Adolph		Killed 9- 62	Ft Abercrombie
Stewart, Nathan	Pvt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Stocker, Mrs. Joseph		Killed 8-19-62	Redwood
Stone, Edwin	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Stumle, Adolph	Pvt. Le Sueur Tigers	Killed 8-26-62	Hutchinson
Summers, John	Pvt. St Peter Guards	Died 8-26-62	New Ulm
		Killed 8-23-62	New Ulm

Taylor, William		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Terry, Benjamin S	Sgt. Co. G 6 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
Thilling & Wife		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Thiele, Louis - Family			
Wife & Child		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Thiele (or Tille) - Family			
Parents & 2 Children		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Tille (Family)		Killed 8-17-62	Middle Creek
Tollerson, Berger		Killed 8-21-62	Kandiyohi Co
Tomson, Jan		Killed 8-19-62	Cottonwood
			River-New Ulm
Trescott, Solon A	Sgt. 5 Minn Inf	Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Tuttle, William		Killed 8-19-62	Cottonwood
			River, New Ulm
Tyler, Charles		Killed 5-2-65	Cambrria
U			
Undermach, Uris		Killed 8-17-62	Middle Creek
V			
Vanasse, Onepine	Renville Rangers	Killed 8-20-62	Ft Ridgely
Van Eaton, James B		Killed 5- 63	Grove Lake
Vanosse, Onesime		Killed 8-20-62	Fort Ridgely
Vitt, William Mrs.		Killed 8-17-62	
Voight, John		Killed 8-20-62	Lake Shetek
W			
Wagner, A. H.		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Wagner		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Walz, John & Wife Caroline		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Webster, Mrs.		Killed 8-18-62	
Webster, Viramus		Killed 8-18-62	Acton
Wedge, Jehiel		Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek
Weiser, J. S. Dr. Surgeon of Mt Rangers 1st Minn		Killed 7-24-63	
Wensinger, John		Killed 9- 62	Ft Abercrombie
Whetsler, Henry	Pvt. Co. A 5 Minn Inf	Killed 9-2-62	Birch Coulee
White, Eugene		Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek
White, N. D.		Killed 8-18-62	
White, Samuel-Family			
Parents, son Otis & Daughter Susan		Killed 9-23-62	At Lake Addie
Whiton, Elijah		Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Wilson, Clara D		Killed 8-18-62	Acton
Winsinger, John	Teamster of St Cloud	Killed 9-26-62	Ft Abercrombie
Witt, Mrs. Carl		Killed 8-18-62	Birch Coulee
Wright, Edward M	Sgt.	Killed 9-23-62	Ft Abercrombie
Y			
York, Frank		Killed 5-2-65	Cambrria, Blue
			Earth Co
Young, Antoine		Killed 8-18-62	Redwood
Z			
Zable, Gottlieb		Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek
Zeller-Family - Max & Wife			
Lucretia, Pauline, Theresa & Infant Max		Killed 8-18-62	Milford

Zettel - Family - John & Wife Barbara, Children Lizette, Stephen Anton & Baby	Killed 8-18-62	Milford
Zimmermann - Family Father & Sons John & Gottlieb	Killed 8-18-62	Beaver Creek La Croix Creek
Zitloff (or Sitzton) -Families John with Michael & Wife	Killed 8-18-62	Middle Creek

SIoux MASSACRE CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

From Charles S. Bryant's and Marion F. Satterlee's
Publications on the Sioux Massacre.

1862

Aug. 17 Murders At Acton
 Aug. 18 - Outbreak of Lower Agency; massacres there also at Milford,
 La Croix Creek, Beaver Creek, Middle Creek, Ambush at the ferry.
 Aug. 19 - Massacre at Sacred Heart Creek and at Upper Agency; Massacre of
 Rescue Party and Attack on New Ulm
 Aug. 20 - Massacre At Lake Shetek, and in Kandiyohi Counties; attack on Fort
 Ridgely
 Aug. 23 - Battle at New Ulm.
 Sept. 2 - Battle at Birch Coulee
 Sept. 2,3,4 - Battles at Forest City - Acton - and Hutchinson
 Sept. 23 - Battle at Wood Lake
 Sept. 26 - Surrender at Camp Release
 Dec. 26 - Hanging at Mankato

1863

June - Condemned shipped to Davenport, Iowa, and tribes to Crow Creek,
 Dak. Ter.

1863-45 - Sibley Campaign, various murders, John Campbell hung near Mankato,
 Shapki and Medicine Battle at Fort Snelling.

Citizens killed or died from injuries	413
Enlisted Soldiers	<u>77</u>
Total Killed	490
Indians Killed, Hung or died	71.
Imprisoned	277

Dakota Indians Hung At Mankato - Fri. Dec. 26, 1862

1. Tipi - Hdo-niche, Forbids his dwelling
2. Wyata - tonwan, His People
3. Taju - Ya, Red Atter
4. Hinnan shoon koyag mani - Walks clothed in an owls tail.
5. Mazo bomidu - Iron blower
6. Wapa duta - Scarlet leaf.
7. Wahena - (Meaning unknown)
8. Sna mani - Tinkling walker
9. Rda inyanke - Rattling runner
10. Dowan niye - The Singer
11. Kunka ska - White dog
12. Hepan - Family name for second son.

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13. Tunkan icha ta mani-Walks with his grandfather
14. Ite duta - Scarlet face.
15. Amlacha - Broken to pieces
16. Hepidan - Family name for third son
17. Marpiya te najin - Stands on a cloud (Cut nose)
18. Henry Milord - (French mixed blood)
19. Chaska Ian - Family name for first son- dan little
20. Baptiste Campbell - (French mixed blood)
21. Tate kage - Wind maker
22. Hapinkpa - Tip of the horn
23. Hypolite Auge - (French mixed blood)
24. Nape Shuha - Does not flee
25. Wakan tanka - great Spirit
26. Tunkan koyag i najin - stands clothed with his grandfather
27. Make te najin - Stands upon earth.
28. Pazi kuta mani - Walks prepared to shoot
29. Tate hdo dan - Wind comes back
30. Waxicun na - Little Whiteman
31. Aichaga - To grow upon
32. Ho tan inku - Voice heard in returning
33. Centan hunka - The parent hawk
34. Hda hiu hda - To make a rattling noise
35. Chanka hdo - near the woods
36. Oyate tonwan - The Coming people
37. Mahu we mea - He comes for me
38. Wakinyan na - Little Thunder

Indians Killed During Outbreak

1. To-wa-to. All blue, at Redwood Ferry
2. Upi - hdi - ga. Striped wing feather at Fort Ridgely
3. Horpi-maza. Iron nest at Ft. Ridgely
4. Ho-torna. Animal's voice, at Birch Coulie
5. Weu - iheya. Shoots the arrow at Birch Coulie
6. Ma-tata-ma-hucha. Lean bear, near lake Shetek

Indians Killed at Wood Lake Battle

7. He-i-pa-kan-mani. Rubs his horns against something as he walks.
8. La-sa-ka. Hoof Rattler
9. Wa-kon-za. His law
10. Wakan-hdi-xica. Bad lightning
11. A-han-zi. Shade (or shadow)
12. Peji-sku-cinca-cepa. Twin sons of sweet grass
13. Waxicun-tanka. Big Whiteman
14. Marpiya-ho-tanka. Loud voice cloud
15. Wa-ha-canka-maza. His iron shield
16. Make-a-mani-wasicun-cinca. Son of Whiteman that walks on the earth
17. A-han-i-najin. He stands upon
18. Cetan-wicakte. Hawk that kills
19. Ie-ya. Talks about things
20. Tate-yuha-hdi-najin. Comes back standing on the wind.
21. Maza-wa-kute. Iron shooter
22. Makato. Blue earth

- 23. Maza-mani. Iron Walker
- 24. Infant, killed by mob at Henderson
- 25. Cinkpa. Treetops, at New Ulm
- 26. Le Blanc or Provencale, at New Ulm

Indians Killed At Fort Abercrombie During Outbreak

- 27. Mato-sapa. Black bear
- 28. Sna-Sna-Mani. Jingling walker
- 29. Pi-Zona (name of a society, or organization)
- 30. (Unnamed). Neighborhood of Acton.

It is probable that Sibley's forces killed some four or five of Standing Buffalo's band at Big Mound in 1863, and some of the Western Indians at various points.

KNOWN DEAD DURING THE GREAT BLIZZARD IN MINNESOTA
IN JANUARY 7-9, 1873

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In the preparation of this list of "Known Dead During The Great Minnesota Blizzard of January 7, 8 and 9, 1873" I owe a great debt of gratitude to the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., the Minnesota Historical Society and to all the local historical societies in the counties in the path of the great blizzard when it struck. Great aid was also given by local libraries and newspapers in these same counties that suffered great loss of life and property. Invaluable aid was received from District Court and County Court House officers, and the Minnesota Department of Health Division of Vital Statistics, in the search of local vital statistics records. The city libraries and newspapers of Minneapolis and St. Paul deserve special mention for their generous assistance.

INTRODUCTION

Dr. William Watts Fowell in his "History of Minnesota" Vol. 3 Page 71 discusses briefly the Great Minnesota Blizzard in Jan. 1873. He mentions that on January 7, 1873 western Minnesota was suddenly struck by a great blizzard that turned noon-day into night. The southern half of the state was swept by the merciless blizzard before dawn of the following day. Death, destruction, and suffering followed. There was an enormous fall of dry very fine snow, like white flour, which was blown about by the fiercely raging wind. At St. Paul the temperature fell to fourteen degrees below zero. Fahrenheit and at Chicago the thermometer registered twenty degrees below. The morning of Jan. 7 was exceptionally pleasant so a large number of people left their homes to shop, work, or visit. When the ferocious blizzard struck and darkness fell people were lost in the woods and on the prairies and the victims suffered intensely, some were disabled for life, and many of them froze to death. Early reports gave eight hundred as the number of victims who lost their lives. But the state statistician upon investigation found that a total number of seventy had frozen to death in the great blizzard. This figure has been questioned by some as being too high. Governor Austin requested aid for the blizzard victims from the 1873 Minnesota Legislature and they complied with a relief program providing five thousand dollars to aid the needy. A sum totalling 3,385 was distributed in thirty-four counties to ninety-four persons or an average of \$36 state aid to each person.

The Willmar Daily Tribune, June 17, 1949 published an interesting descriptive article "The Story Of The Big Storm of 1873". A picture is included of Michael Holden the only survivor of a party of five, the other four froze to death in Roseland Township, namely John, Charles and Stephen O'Neill, and Thomas Holden. Mention is also made of the following freezing to death: Lars Nelson of Whitefield who died later; Ole K. Skau in Sec. 7 Norway Lake Township; Margaret Soland and Helge Stengrimson near Norway Lake. Ole Gronseth died in Sec. 4, Norway Lake Township; Wm. M. Crump in Roseville; Claus and Jorgan Strand in Whitefield Township. This article states in part: The most destructive blizzard to human lives in the history of Kandiyohi County, occurred in the Cruel blizzard on January 7 to 9, 1873. The first part of Tuesday the 7th - the weather was balmy, as to encourage farmers to make trips to town or to the woods for fuel. About two o'clock a great many were wending their way home with their sleds and teams of horses or oxen. There was a stillness for a few moments; human voices, barking of dogs, or the lowing of cattle could be heard for miles.

"Suddenly a muttering and rumbling as of distant thunder was heard in the direction of the faraway northwest. There appeared upon the northwestern horizon a white cloud, like a snowbank, which mounted upward, increased in volume and approached with astonishing rapidity, and within a few moments the storm broke in all its fury. Within a few minutes the bright light of mid-afternoon was changed almost into darkness by the frozen moisture".

The loss of live stock was reported as follows: horses 25, mules 3, cattle 250, sheep and hogs 10.

The Waseca News of Jan. 15, 1873 states: "A man named Avon Aleckson was chopping in the woods near Lake Watkins, in Woodville, Tuesday. When the storm came on he started for home, got lost, was out all night and all the next day, till near evening, before he found a house. His feet were so badly frozen that they are black, and it is feared they must be amputated. Otherwise he was not badly frozen. But the poor sufferer was so weakened by exposure that he died some three weeks later of hemorrhage of the lungs.

"Mr. J. G. Greening of Otisco, who came from Blue Earth City, last Friday, informs us that a Mrs. Snitz, living near Wisner's Grove, Faribault County, was found dead after the storm, about half a mile from her house. "It appears that her husband went to Delavan that morning, and that the woman let one of her children go to a neighbor's house. When the storm came on she went to her neighbor's place to get the child, leaving her other child in the house. The neighbor prevailed upon her to return, bring her child and remain over night. The poor woman started for her home, lost her way in the blinding storm and perished. The child left at home - about three years of age - was found in bed alive".

Child's "History of Waseca County" gives an interesting account of the great Blizzard of Jan. 7, 8, & 9, 1873.

In Merle Potter's book, "101 Best Stories of Minnesota" there is included a story of "The Terrible Blizzard of 1873". It says in part: "That blizzard of 1873 was a storm to talk about. There never has been anything to equal it in Minnesota. It lasted for three frightful days, and when it was over reports went out that eight hundred people had been frozen to death. Only seventy actually perished. But it caused untold suffering and moved the governor to put a bill through the legislature giving relief to the sufferers.

"The morning of January 8, 1873, was perfect in western Minnesota. The day of the disastrous blizzard was so pleasant that thousands of settlers had left their homes.

"Toward four o'clock in the afternoon, the situation changed in an instant. The wind shifted abruptly and according to one authority, the mercury dropped thirty to forty degrees in a minute. Along with the wind came a driving cloud of fine snow that completely swallowed up the landscape and brought the darkness of night.

"A boy attending school at New Ulm started for his parents house, which was only across the road from the school building. His body was later found eight miles away. A man named Christian Heg was caught in the storm, buried himself in a snowdrift on Tuesday and remained there until the following

Saturday, when he was rescued, badly frozen, but alive."

This research revealed that no deaths are recorded in the official public records as resulting from the historic great Minnesota Blizzard on January 7 and 8, 9-1873 in the counties of Anoka, Benton, Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Dodge, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Isanti, Itasca, Jackson, Le Sueur, Morrison, Mower, Olmstead, Polk, Ramsey, Rice, Rock, St. Louis, Scott, Stearns, Swift, Todd, Wabasha, Washington, Winona, and Wright.

Furthermore, it was found that the days of the great Minnesota Blizzard on January 7 and 8-9, 1873 antedates the official public records in the counties of Aikin, Beltrami, Big Stone, Cass, Fillmore, Grant, Lac Qui Parle, Lake, Pine, Traverse and Wilkin.

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The St. Paul Dispatch, January 14, 1873 stated that a person named Wolverton froze to death in Mankato. Eight persons froze to death between St. James and Madelia. At St. James a man and a boy were victims. At Madelia a woman went to search for her husband and both succumbed to the cold. At New Ulm a man sought a doctor for his wife and new born babe and all three froze to death. Seventeen coffins were used at New Ulm to bury those frozen dead. Thirteen were frozen to death at Lake Henskey six miles from Lake Crystal. Six school children froze to death between Fort Ridgely and Beaver Falls. Thomas Johnson, a farmer, froze to death near Evansville in northern Minnesota. A man froze to death near Stony Brook ten miles from Pomme de Terre. A young man, Martin Tims, his bride, and his father, William Tims, were caught in the storm at Pomme de Terre and the men froze to death and the bride was not expected to survive. At Scandia seven miles northeast of Morris, a man and boy were lost. Fladeland left Morris for his Scandia home and was lost. A man seven miles west of Glenwood, Pope County, froze fatally while cutting wood. Berry and Christopherson froze to death near Glyndon. Fred Warnke living four miles from Henderson froze to death. In Otter Tail Co. five persons near St. Olof froze to death, mostly Norwegian farmers.

The Alexandria Post, January 11, 1873 reported many farmers stranded in town by the blizzard.

The Madelia Watawan County Times stated that Mr. Charles Decker and Mrs. Chris Cash froze to death. A man was found dead three miles southwest of St. James.

The Minneapolis Times, January 15, 1873 stated that Mr. Townsend froze to death near Farmington. A woman in Bernadotte froze to death. Seventeen frozen bodies were brought to Sleepy Eye. Eleven frozen bodies were brought to Madelia. Edins Geifer at Swan Lake in Nicollet froze to death. A woman froze to death at Granby.

The St. Peter Tribune published a letter from Madelia saying that six school children froze to death at Sleepy Eye. Two men at Sleepy Eye and three at New Ulm froze to death.

The Mankato Review in those days reported: five deaths at Sleepy Eye Station west of New Ulm; one near Delevan in Faribault Co.; two, Lake Crystal; five, Madelia; ten, St. James; two, Mountain Lake; three, Windom; three, Heron Lake and Worthington.

The St. Paul Dispatch, January 20, 1873 mentioned that John Manly near Birch Coolie in Renville Co. froze to death. Eight Swedes between Long Lake and Willmar died of exposure in the blizzard.

The Litchfield Ledger, January 18, 1873 stated that Pat Condon and Mike Flynn froze to death near Rice City. Fifteen frozen bodies were found in Kandiyohi County among them William Grump and Samuel Adams.

The St. Paul Dispatch, January 21, 1873 reported that Olaus Gulbranson was found frozen dead in the town of Manchester, Freeborn County.

The Mankato Union reported Robert Kirk a frozen fatality in Blue Earth County.

The Meeker County News reported Messrs Flynn and Condon left Litchfield for home and the former froze to death the first night and the later subsequently died.

The Sauk Center Herald at the time reported that at Scandia four men froze to death. A man nine miles from Glenwood was so badly frozen he subsequently died.

From Preston, in the Fillmore County Republican, January 17, 1873 we read that four miles west of Granger in Fillmore Co. Rev. Evans was returning home with his wife and two children and came within three fourths of a mile of home and was stranded in the snow. He carried one child home and returned for another and left with it. They were both lost, and the child at home and the mother left in the sleigh were both frozen to death.

The St. Paul Dispatch, Friday, January 24, 1873 has this to say: "In the early part of this month Minnesota was swept for two days by an icy tempest, unparrelled in our recent history. The storm came with unannounced suddenness, and a day that up to two o'clock in the afternoon was mild, pleasant and even thawing, changed to a storm terrific in its fury. Snow fell only moderately, but the fierce cutting winds gave it the appearance of coming down in clouds, and before dark it was impossible on the prairies to see a rod in advance. Of course the peril was great for those who were out in the storm, and the suffering was intense. The early pleasantness of the day caused a larger number to be out than would otherwise have been the case, and hence the suffering was correspondingly large."--

KNOWN DEAD DURING THE GREAT BLIZZARD IN MINNESOTA IN JANUARY 7-9, 1873

Official Public records show that the following named victims perished in the great Minnesota blizzard on Jan. 7, 8, 9, 1873:

- Adams, Samuel - Died in Kandiyohi County
- Aleckson, Aven - Froze near Lake Watkins, Woodville, Waseca. Died later from blizzard exposure.
- Anderson, Andrew - Age 38 - Farmer in East Chain Twp; Martin Co. Came from Norway to Minn. in 1868.
- Backins, Jones A. - Age 14 - Frammas Twp, Stevens Co.
- Backins, Peter - Age 58 - Frammas Twp. Stevens Co.

Berry, Mr. - Died near Glyndon
 Cash, Chris Mrs. - Died at Madelia, Watawan Co.
 Christopherson, Mr. - Died near Glyndon.
 Clay County - Two unknown deaths occurred.
 Condon, Patrick - Died later near Rice City, Darwin Twp. Meeker County
 Crump, William M. - Died in Roseville, Kandiyohi County, only 50 yards from
 R. C. Benton's home.
 Decker, Charles - Died at Madelia, Watawan County
 Ebersold, Mr. - Lake Benton, Lyon Co., now in Lincoln Co.
 Erickson, John - Died in Chippewa Co.
 Evans, Rev. & Mrs. and two children died near Granger, Fillmore County
 Fangnor, J. F. O. - Age 20, St. Olof Twp., Otter Tail Co.
 Fladeland, Mr. - Lost enroute from Morris to his Scandia home.
 Flatland, Peter - Age 27, Frammas Twp. - Stevens Co.
 Flynn, Michael - age 35, Died near Rice City, Forest City Twp., Meeker Co.
 Foster, Isaac White - Age 27, a farmer, son of John and Ardelia Foster from
 Maine who came to Minn. in 1869.
 Fox, Mr. & Mrs. and 6 yr. old daughter of Lynd, Lyon Co.
 Garrettsee, Thomas - Died in Chippewa Co.
 Geifer, Edins - Died at Swan Lake in Nicollet Co.
 Goefer, Edrois - Age 45, Married, son of Sebastian and Magdalena Goefer.
 Born in Germany, Died in Granby Twp. Nicollet Co.
 Gronseth, Ole - Died in Sec. 4 Norway Lake Township while enroute from the
 woods to his Kerkhaven home.
 Gulbrandson, Olaus - Died Sec. 22, Manchester Twp., Freeborn Co.
 Gunderson, Peder - Age 49, Moe Twp., Douglas Co.
 Haygood, John Parks - Freeborn Co.
 Holden, Thomas - Age 17, Died in Roseland Twp. Kandiyohi Co., enroute to Olivia
 From Willmar, now Renville, Co.
 Johnson, Thomas - A farmer, died near Evansville in Northern Minnesota.
 Kirk, Robert - Died in Blue Earth County.
 Knute ? - Tracy, Lyon Co.
 Manly, John - Died near Birch Coolie in Renville Co.
 Nelson, Lars - Whitefield Twp. Kandiyohi Co. Froze enroute from Green Lake
 and died later.
 Olson, Axle - Tracy, Lyon Co.
 O'Neil, Charles - Age 24 - Died in Roseland Twp., Kandiyohi Co., enroute to
 Olivia from Willmar, now Renville Co.
 O'Neil, John - Age 26 - Died in Roseland Twp. Kandiyohi Co. enroute to Olivia
 from Willmar, now Renville Co.
 O'Neil, Stephen - Age 20 yrs. - Died in Roseland Twp. Kandiyohi Co. enroute to
 Olivia from Willmar, now Renville Co.
 Prieinow, August - Age 37 - Transit Twp., Sibley Co.
 Robinson, James - Lake Benton, Lyon Co., now in Lincoln Co.
 Skau, Ole R - Found frozen to death in Sec. 7 Norway Lake Twp., Kandiyohi Co.
 He was enroute to his Lake Johanna home from Chippewa Falls.
 Soland, Margaret - Age 24 - Died enroute from Kerkhoven to their Norway Lake
 home.
 Stengrimson, Helge - Age 13 - Died enroute from Kerkhoven to their Norway Lake
 home.
 Stevens, Lafayette - Chippewa Co.
 Strand, Claus - Froze to death in Whitefield Twp. Kandiyohi Co., near Peter
 Monson's place.
 Strand, Jorgen - Froze to death in Whitefield Twp., Kandiyohi Co., near
 Peter Monson's Place.

Switz, Mrs. - Died in Wiser's Grove, Faribault Co.

Taylor, William - Lake Benton, Lyon Co., now Lincoln Co.

Tims, Martin - Died at Pomme de Terre, Minn. His bride was expected to die of exposure.

Tims, William - Died at Pomme de Terre, Minn.

Townsend, Mr. - Died near Farmington

Webber, David - Age 37 - Kelso Twp. Sibley Co.

Warnke, Frederick - Age 48 - Died 4 miles from Henderson, Sibley Co.

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